

NEGRO WELFARE LEAGUE OF NEW JERSEY

Secretary's Report for

July, Aug. & Sept.

The report of the Secretary for the activities of the League during the months of July, August, and September, will show that, from many points of view they have been the most successful of any period during his year's work here.

Despite the fact that they are the social worker's "idle hours" and vacation days for most people, we at the League remained vacationless on our job and found that the demand for participation in arts which make for social welfare was not noticeably decreased.

A detailed report will bear this out.

In employment: Our most exceptional placements have been those of two stenographers, one in Newark and one in Jersey City. One dentist apprentice who is a young woman, a social worker at Lincoln House in East Orange. Good reports have come also from the women on the Penn. R. R. job who earn 32¢ an hour on tracks. While the work is not the kind to which women are best adapted, yet it is encouraging to know it is being done well.

Reports of investigation, women, published in the News, Tribune and Ledger.

Calls for rooms have been 33. Nothing, however, could be offered.

Recreation: An auto party, children sent to Avon for summer outing. Boy's club. In cooperation with the Down Town Community works club under the supervision of Ex-Sec'y, has been formed. They meet Tuesday nights in Club Room at St. Paul's A. E. Church. Jas. Fultz, athletics, Lansing Nevius and Dillion Business Trainer. At the opening September 24th, 32 present, October 1 - 45 present. Basket ball - plans were discussed for increasing program of work for winter.

Selmont Avenue School has weekly attendance of 275 - 325. Engage in basketball, music, and club work.

St. James Red Cross has met weekly during summer. Good attendance.

Went to Port Newark, gave boys tobacco, and entertained them in homes. This is the 316th Labor Battalion.

Cases have been varied in types. Three of the most interesting were convalescents. High point of cooperation between affiliated organizations. Securing reduction of rent from unscrupulous landlords.

Cooperation: Community singing, 125 boys from Port Newark. Said to be the largest attendance ever. Cream and cake served by Women's Patriotic Service League. National A. C. C. P. had a meeting in Old St. Paul's Church, J. R. Shillady speaker. City Fresh Air Fund, City Wide Community Work, New York Urban League, and Dept. of Labor.

Special:

Letter written to ministers about the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Planned with the Sunday School Superintendant's about the boy's Y.M.C.A. allied Organization drive.

rostered a movement for establishing a canteen house for our soldiers. It is soon to be opened. Money has been appropriated.

Sponsored by Mrs. Felix Muld and assisted by Mr. MacDougall Mrs. Jenkinson, Mr. Frank I. Liverright, the Secretary has raised nearly \$7,000. to purchase building for the work of the League and Phyllis Wheatley Home. Building has been purchased. Is ready for occupancy soon.

Plans are completed for raising further funds for the building and maintenance among colored people in the city.

(Signed) Wm. M. Asmby,

Secretary.